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Our teams successfully anticipate and respond effectively to a variety of potential hazards and conditions.



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Preparedness means you are “ready.” Whether it be for Friday night lights or the upcoming winter, we perform mindful actions to ensure a successful outcome. As I read through the stories in this edition, I am impressed by the teams featured. A representation of the work we contribute, these groups prove HMIS is always ready to support the mission.

Looking ahead to acknowledge future needs or challenges is part of being prepared. As the Site integrator, we are tasked with holding the crystal ball and forecasting the best and the worst for our projects. Having highly trained, knowledgeable employees allows us to be innovative in our processes and solutions while never compromising on safety.

Our organizations touch nearly all of the Hanford Site, and to say we have a lot to manage would be an understatement. By utilizing the best teams and processes, we have performed mindful actions to ensure we succeed. We have accomplished and will maintain our preparedness.

As always, our “proud but never satisfied” mindset drives us. Thank you for your hard work and dedication to the mission. Stay safe, stay engaged and keep up the good work.

Bob

Guest Message – Paul Vandervert

As HMIS focuses on preparedness, the Volpentest HAMMER Federal Training Center recognizes this term as a key driver in the foundation and function of our mission. I am grateful and proud to lead our organization as we acknowledge 25 years of accomplishments through partnerships supporting the safety, health and preparedness of workers and emergency responders at Hanford and across our national programs.

During my own 34-year career at Hanford, I recognize “preparedness” goes well beyond emergencies. Consider, are you prepared to safely conduct a job task, operate a vehicle, perform hazardous energy control, respond to an accident, fire or injury? We also need to ask ourselves similar questions at home.

HAMMER staff, instructors, worker trainers and subject matter experts utilize their expertise to deliver realistic and performance-based training, ensuring workers and emergency responders can safely perform their hazardous work. The team quickly develops innovative solutions to meet the needs of our customer’s complex and high-risk challenges. Maintaining a culture with an intentional emphasis on preparedness is essential to HAMMER’s contributions to the One Hanford mission.

HAMMER staff are also key contributors to DOE’s energy response team when activated by the Federal Emergency Management Agency. They train responders, perform exercises, conduct deployments, provide logistics, staff emergency operations centers and complete field assessments. Supporting FEMA regions, the team develops plans for earthquakes, floods, wildfires, storms, hurricanes and even volcanic eruptions. Preparedness is essential to this vital mission ensuring effective response to all types of energy disruptions.

Whether at work or home, please consider the significance of being prepared for yourself, your co-workers, family, friends and neighbors. The price is way too high if overlooked or ignored.





VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT:
Alison Hull

Alison Hull is the director of Applications, Records and Product Management for our IMS team and at times she puts on a superhero cape to serve as a wish granter for the Alaska and Washington chapter of Make-A-Wish, helping bestow several wishes for local children battling, or who have recovered from, a critical illness.

“Children have always held a special place in my heart,” said Alison. “In college, I volunteered at Seattle Children’s Hospital and worked as a nanny. After researching several volunteer organizations, I landed on Make-A-Wish, partly because of its mission to create life-changing wishes for children with critical illnesses and to provide an outlet for my love of children and put a smile on their faces.”

Alison says the team welcomes the help of others interested in wish granting, “You work with a partner, the wish child and their family to identify their wish, and the chapter office coordinates and plans the wish.” In her experience as a wish granter, Alison keeps families informed of wish progress and coordinates delivery of the child’s request.

“Wishes have proven physical and emotional benefits that can give children with critical illnesses a higher chance of survival,” she said. Thanks, Alison, for stepping up for the children in our community in such a rewarding role!



Volunteer of the Quarter



Our HMIS Family of volunteers is top notch! Since the start of the contract, 198 HMIS employees, subcontractors and their loved ones have donated more than 450 hours of time to help at 16 HMIS-organized volunteer events, supporting local organizations like Second Harvest, Mid-Columbia Meals on Wheels, Habitat for Humanity and several others.

This month, we want to recognize a member of our HMIS Family who consistently makes a commitment to volunteer her time, Chris Shannon. Chris has volunteered at several events over the last 18 months, including our Second Harvest food sorts, the Bikes for Tikes build, and our book labeling event for the Children’s Reading Foundation of the Mid-Columbia. Chris will often bring family members along to help at our volunteer events, including her husband Wayne, daughter Stephanie, and grandchildren.

“We really enjoy helping at the volunteer events and we have a great time,” Chris shared. “We love working with everybody because we know that when we work together, we can accomplish great things.”

To recognize our Volunteers of the Quarter, HMIS will make a \$250 donation to the non-profit 501(c)3 organization of their choice. For this quarter, Chris asked that the contribution go to Second Harvest.

We are so proud of our HMIS Family and their commitment to serve our community. Thank you!



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Ironworkers International President Eric Dean speaks to the crowd gathered for the event at HAMMER.

Congrats to HAMMER on its 25th Anniversary

Contributor: MaryAnne Wuennecke

The Volpentest HAMMER Federal Training Center commemorated its 25th anniversary this month! HAMMER Director Paul Vandervert and Office of River Protection and Richland Operations Office Manager Brian Vance joined HAMMER staff, worker trainers, special guests and members of the HAMMER Steering Committee at a celebration recognizing the milestone.

The Steering Committee includes DOE, international and local labor leaders, One Hanford contractor presidents, government

agencies, tribes, industry, and members of the academic community. Exhibits illustrated Site cleanup progress.

“Since the doors opened in 1997, our focus has been, and continues to be, improving worker and emergency responder skills, safety and health through innovative training,” Vandervert said. “I am proud of our staff, worker trainers and partners who ensure we successfully meet the needs of our customers.”

Nearly 1.1 million student days and 72,000 course sessions have occurred during the last 25 years, covering an extensive array of programs supporting Hanford and numerous national programs. HAMMER is widely recognized for



Office of River Protection and Richland Operations Office Manager Brian Vance speaks at the 25th Anniversary celebration of the HAMMER Federal Training Center.

specializing in realistic hands-on, performance-based training.

HMIS is proud to manage this premier training facility and recognizes the many accomplishments made by HAMMER over the past 25 years!

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Sharing Experiences to Inspire Others

Contributor: Shane Edinger

Mentoring and helping other women flourish in their careers is a passion for Diane Cato, vice president of Engineering & Projects. It's one of the reasons she quickly said, “Yes!” when asked to speak at the Women in Engineering speaker series in September. “I really enjoy sharing my philosophies and what I have learned with other women so they can continue to grow and be successful in the workplace.”

The group was started by Brittney Atterbury and Ayla Ines, a pair of WRPS engineers who wanted to create an opportunity for women in engineering roles throughout the Hanford Site to gather and share their experiences. “There are a lot of women in engineering, but we're all working in different groups and we don't all know each other,” Ines shared. “With this speaker series, we can empower each other by sharing our own experiences and helping each other grow.”

Ines and Atterbury previously worked with Diane during her time at WRPS, and they were eager to have her speak. “Diane is so amiable and confident. She believes in herself and does a great job of standing her ground while not



HMIS Vice President of Engineering & Projects Diane Cato shared her story at the Women in Engineering speaker series in September.

being confrontational,” Ines added. “She's an inspiration to so many of us.”

The speaker series started last year and has met roughly once a month, usually via Microsoft Teams. In fact, the September

meeting where Diane spoke was the group's first hybrid meeting. Ines says the meetings are open to anyone who's interested in attending.

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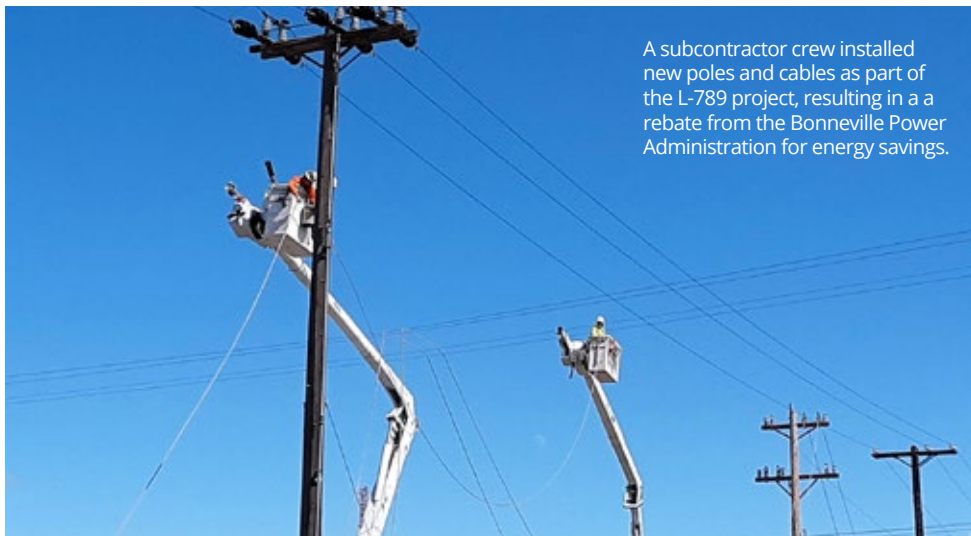
Electrical Upgrades Result in Power Rebate

Contributor: Robin Wojtanik

Upgrades to Hanford's electrical system resulted in more than \$70,000 in energy savings rebates awarded from the Bonneville Power Administration. The rebates went toward the cost of project L-789, completed last year, which boosted the electrical system capacity by more than 40 percent. The energy savings realized from that project alone conserved enough electricity to power about 17 homes for an entire year!

The work done included installation of 8 miles of new aluminum-conductor, steel-reinforced cable and the removal of 400 aging utility poles and copper conductors. All of this extended the life of the system to at least 2070, in addition to increasing safety and efficiency.

This rebate comes on the heels of a previous rebate valued at \$14,000 in FY21 for lighting upgrades that saved the energy equivalent to powering half-a-dozen homes for a year.



A subcontractor crew installed new poles and cables as part of the L-789 project, resulting in a rebate from the Bonneville Power Administration for energy savings.

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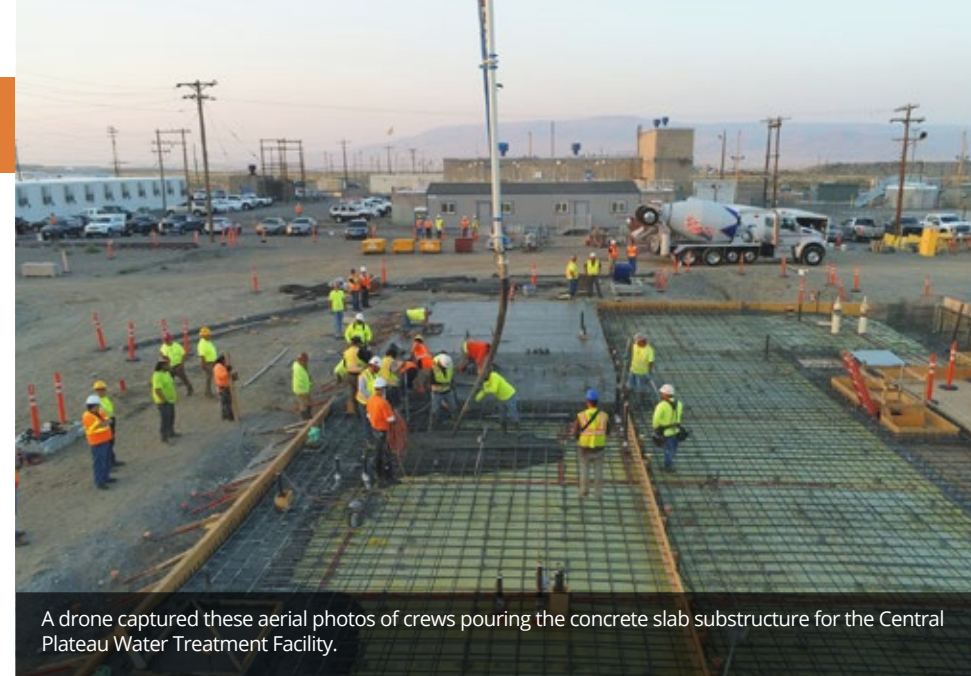
New Water Treatment Plant Taking Shape

Contributor: Shane Edinger

If you've driven by the construction site for the new Central Plateau Water Treatment Facility recently, you probably noticed the landscape is changing rapidly. Construction crews are making great progress and the facility is starting to take shape. Recently, crews completed the concrete foundation that will make up the substructure of the facility. But perhaps the most visible sign is the structural steel going up that will create the outer shell of the building.

"We're very pleased with the progress," shared Mark Berkenbile, manager of Construction Management. "We've actually been able to accelerate the field work timeline to complete some activities ahead of schedule, while overcoming some unexpected technical hurdles."

Crews will continue to place the structural steel through the winter, as long as Mother Nature cooperates. "We will work at a deliberate speed, and we estimate to have the building shell completed in early spring, if not sooner," Berkenbile added. After that, work on the interior building infrastructure will get underway, including the installation of motor control centers for the electrical, lighting and plumbing systems. Components for the facility's innovative hollow fiber microfiltration system will start to arrive in December and January, and workers will start to assemble and install that system in the spring.



A drone captured these aerial photos of crews pouring the concrete slab substructure for the Central Plateau Water Treatment Facility.



Once the building is operational, the 10,000 square-foot facility will provide a minimum of 3.5 million gallons of water a day, supporting the water needs of Central Plateau operations, including the Direct-Feed Low-Activity Waste program.



The friendly faces who make up our Mission Service Desk team!

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Help Desk Assists Thousands Monthly

Contributor: Robin Wojtanik

When you dial the Mission Service Desk and hear a cheery voice on the other end, you may not realize your call is one of more than 5,000 interactions each month for the team. “Numbers are great to point to, as they show a record, but they don’t capture the heart of our team,” said Todd Eckman, vice president of Information Management Services. “The positive feedback on our surveys and the compliments to our agents are measures of that.”

It’s still worth including those numbers – because they are impressive! In FY22, the team handled nearly 65,000 calls, chats, emails and online requests. In most cases, people waited less than a minute to reach an agent. The interactions include nearly a thousand tickets that received one-on-one, in-person support through dedicated deskside service. This doesn’t count iPad updates and other services performed exclusively for the HAMMER team.

Nearly 1,500 mobile device service requests were completed in the last fiscal year, and doesn’t include unscheduled drop-ins, which may be people picking up badge readers or devices. The team also supported over 1,000

phone moves – and hundreds of disconnects for those no longer using their office land line, saving money for all One Hanford contractors.

They do all this with a smile, even if we don’t always get to see it on the other end of the phone line. “Our team strives to provide each customer with world-class service, and we are fortunate to have world-class employees,” said Joseph Oertel, manager of the Help Desk and End User Services. “Their dedication to Hanford employees and the One Hanford mission leads to great outcomes. More than 98% of people who filled out the survey after their interaction with the Mission Service Desk rated their experience as a 4 or 5 out of 5.

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Using Best Technologies in the Field

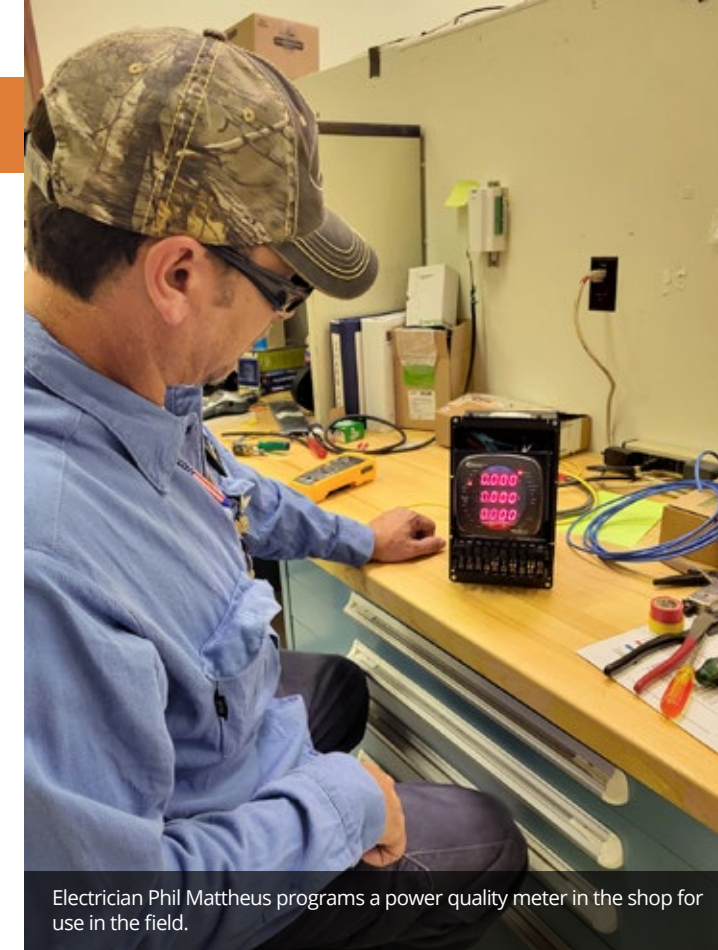
Contributor: Robin Wojtanik

Some projects on the Hanford Site can make a significant impact within our own organizations. Our Infrastructure & Site Services team saw this with the installation of a power quality meter in the electrical building that serves the 282W Pumps and Control Building for Water & Sewer Utilities.

“Certain installations, such as this one, require unique meters instead of the normal socket styles we use,” said Phil Mattheus of Electrical Utilities. “These specialty meters not only measure usage, but also provide information to analyze the quality of the power that’s delivered and help evaluate the data. We can use that to help manage power distribution.”



The 282W Pumps and Control Building has a new power quality meter to track load and voltage, among other things, to properly maintain electrical service.



Electrician Phil Mattheus programs a power quality meter in the shop for use in the field.

The power quality meters can record load and voltage to assist in troubleshooting and reporting power issues. The meters may be programmed, tested and calibrated right in the shop before they’re installed. This contributes to their accuracy, data logging and other applications. The meters are smart enough to replace in-person readings and their high rate of accuracy reduces unnecessary energy use to avoid unneeded costs.

PC Inventory Supports One Hanford, Environment



Contributor: Robin Wojtanik

Reutilizing government property isn't just a cost savings – it upholds our commitment to the environment. Our Warehousing & Property Management team accomplishes this regularly with the Personal Computer Nationalization program, managing the inventory of multiple contractors.

The team receives computers and peripherals weekly which are placed in the Sitewide inventory or in the inventory specific to each contractor, all managed by our Property Management team of inventory specialists and storekeepers. Inventory constantly fluctuates, but currently is at just under 1,700 items at a total value of \$2.7 million.



Storekeeper Alex Cuello (left) and Inventory Specialist Wesley Medley check incoming PC Nationalization orders.

When a computer comes in, it's verified for functionality to determine if it can be reused. If it doesn't meet Hanford Site standards, the computer will be stripped of all information before becoming part of the excess program, allowing it to be transferred to other government agencies, the public or schools.

If equipment can be reutilized, it's stored and made ready for immediate deployment whenever needed. This reduces procurements Sitewide, as well as the time it takes to get IT equipment to the field. "While each contractor is accountable for their own personal property, by storing individual inventories with us, it allows the One Hanford contractors to rely on HMIS versus having to manage their own PC databases," said Eric Fairchild, director of Warehousing and Property Management. "This consolidation by HMIS epitomizes One Hanford."

Providing the PC Nationalization service to the Site is a requirement of the essential services contact, but also supports Environmental objectives to reduce and reuse electronic equipment to the fullest extent, while meeting Site demands.



Multiple crews and contractors assisted with the repair of a significant sanitary water line serving many facilities on the Hanford Site.

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Pipe Repairs Completed in 200 East

Contributor: Robin Wojtanik

Our crews rushed to restore water to the 200 East Area after a significant water line failed, knocking out sanitary water to nearly 20 facilities on the Hanford Site. Just as the first was repaired, a second water leak required additional attention.

"As the Hanford Site integrator, I am proud of so many organizations for their swift and immediate response," said Jonathan Kon, director of Water & Sewer Utilities. "Our W&SU crews worked to isolate the line while Hanford Patrol assisted with immediate closure of 4th Street, near 2711 E and Baltimore Avenue. Transportation Services set up the proper barriers to secure the area to maintain safety. Prompt notifications were sent through the Worker Alert/Response Notification System about the upset condition and road closure, along with necessary notifications to outside regulators."

Portable restrooms and handwashing stations were deployed to serve workers in the area while multiple crews worked through their weekend to

isolate the pipe, drain it and begin to fix the break. The first repair started with excavating a sizable area to find the source of the leak, which also served to determine field conditions and update the work package to reflect the needs for the urgent work.

Crews completed a full excavation around the pipe, removing failed parts. Additionally, the team assembled and installed new components, built the molds and poured the concrete for the anchors that hold the new pipe in place.

A slew of our teams took part, including Carpentry, Cement Masons, Crane & Rigging, Electrical Utilities, Engineering, Environmental Field Support, Heavy Equipment Operators, Industrial Hygienists, Pipefitters, Radiological Protection, Safety, Stationary Operating Engineers, Teamsters and Work Management.

Once the concrete had enough time to cure, W&SU tested for leaks and determined the repair was a success – turning sanitary water service back on to all facilities affected by the breaks.

Sensitive Filters Receive Careful Inspection

Contributor: Robin Wojtanik

Exhaust gas HEPA filters will be needed by the Waste Treatment Plant once the Direct-Feed Low-Activity Waste program begins, and our Warehousing, Property Management and Acquisition Verification Services are working with WRPS to receive and inspect these highly sensitive filters. They will be one of the most used consumables needed for the LAW facility, and our team must uncrate and inspect each of the 300 filters recently ordered.

It's not just a matter of taking the filter out of a box. Each one weighs 85-pounds! It must be safely tipped on its side for a storekeeper to verify and record the serial number listed on the bottom. Then, our AVS crew performs a visual inspection of the filter to determine if it's acceptable for use. Once confirmed, each filter is re-crated and labeled to be stored as inventory to support WTP. This prevents the need to unpack and then repack more than once, reducing the chance of filter damage.

"The HEPA filtration system is the primary means of removing radioactive particulates from the ventilation off-gas stream," said Bill Shoemake, Property Management manager. "They are considered the best available control technology for removing radioactive particulates from air emissions and have been specifically tested and qualified to meet WTP environmental requirements."

These HEPA filters, and many other WTP & sitewide critical parts, are stored at our 2101M Warehouse in 200 East. Whenever needed, the responsible organization submits a Material Request to withdraw items for use. Our team is responsible for safely storing, managing and retrieving more than 400,000 items for use across the Site.



Quality Assurance Specialist Brian Kelly inspects a HEPA filter for compliance to QA requirements.



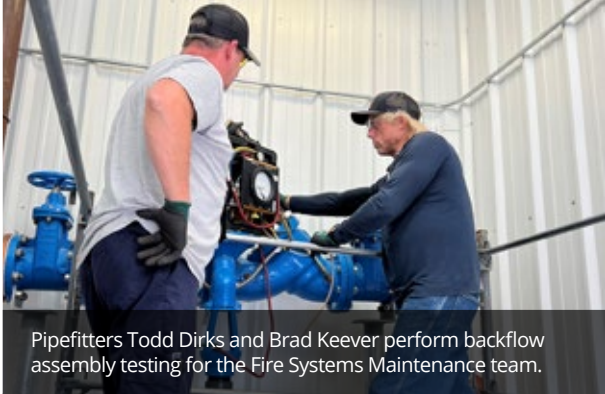
Storekeepers Tyler Stephens (left) and Codi Nickerson carefully uncrate one of the HEPA filters for inspection.



Firefighter Gavin Reid configures a system to support riser maintenance.



Electrician Juan Cisneros tests the battery on a fire alarm control panel.



Pipefitters Todd Dirks and Brad Keever perform backflow assembly testing for the Fire Systems Maintenance team.

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Corrective Maintenance All Caught Up

Contributor: Robin Wojtanik

As any homeowner can attest to, once things start to break, it's easy to have them pile up and feel like the list might be never-ending. The backlog of outstanding repairs on fire protection systems had numbered in the hundreds for our Fire Systems Maintenance team – and little by little, the group knocked out each job to have all outstanding repairs “in the green,” meaning the list of unfinished items is significantly reduced and corrective maintenance can be performed in hours or days!

“It's been a significant accomplishment for our team,” said Michael Winkel, director of Fire Systems Maintenance. “We instituted proficient repair instructions within our procedures and pre-planned our work packages, as well as aligned resources more effectively with Hanford Fire, who stepped up in a big way to ensure our success.”

“Ongoing recruitment efforts and elevated training yielded outstanding results,” said Todd Roper, chief of Hanford Fire Protection and Emergency Response. “The minimum number of trained and available personnel reached a level we have not seen in many years, providing more than

the necessary firefighters to support daily FSM requests. Additionally, a change in start times increased availability. The HFD is exceptionally proud of the outcome in our support of FSM.”

Repairs included sprinkler head replacements, fire alarm control panel troubleshooting, replacements to notification devices and hydrant repairs. Following the HMIS contract transition and a new ability to understand the true volume of the workload, FSM made strategic changes to fulfill all contractual performance standards for the first time in seven years.

“This has been an outstanding effort by Mike Winkel, his team and the firefighters we were able to consistently depend upon,” shared Todd Synoground, VP of I&SS.

The accolades also arrived from HLMI Fire Protection Engineer Roy Burson, who said, “Thank you for all your involvement in getting these items completed. The actions show the commitment to safety in the built environment, a strong FP program and operating the 222S Labs in a fire-safe configuration.” CPCCo's Kevin Kjarmo added, “This is great customer service. I have never seen anything like this from the service provider in the past.”



The Records Management team (from left) Monica Crocker, Todd Whitmire, Gerry Camasta, Zach Bennett, Andrea Britton, Brielle Stonaker, Diana Dotson, Suneva Harrington, Taylor Machiela, Lana Perry, Patrick Brinkerhoff, Roddie Shanley, Kristina Wright, Lauren Heaslet and Juan Guajardo.



Spokane Energy incinerated 1,800 cubic feet of Hanford Site records approved for disposition.



Records Holding Area staff (from left) Patrick Brinkerhoff, Juan Guajardo, Todd Whitmire and Zach Bennett.

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Records Management Wraps FY22

Contributor: Marlene Oaks

It has been more than 30 years since the Hanford Site has destroyed records. This fiscal year, North Wind’s Records Management team, a critical HMIS subcontractor, led the Site back to routine disposition, coordinating with our Information Management Services team as well as DOE and One Hanford contractors. Rallying the Site’s records community, Records Management helped DOE crush its goal of dispositioning a mere 10% of overdue records stored in the Federal Records Center and finished the fiscal year by disposing of 93%! That amounted to nearly 44,000 boxes of records.

“This team has been phenomenal, both in their focus and extraordinary care to ensure records are no longer needed,” said Meg Milligan, DOE RL/ORP Records Management field officer. “The dedication and investigative skills are beyond all reasonable expectations. They are great representatives of HMIS and North Wind. You have every right to be proud. I never expected to clean up this overwhelming backlog so quickly.”

Automating the disposition process using the Integrated Document Management System was key to the success. In addition, using workflows to route overdue records to the Legal and Records community was a tremendous time saver that kept a coordinated and constant attack on this huge backlog.

With the support of the Warehouse team, papers once stored at a local Records Holding Area were loaded, transported and unloaded in Spokane for incineration. Instead of shredding, the burning of over 1,800 cubic feet of overdue records allowed the team to efficiently dispose of records while turning paper into energy, touching on a key Hanford goal of environmental stewardship and saving more than 450 work hours.

Topping off this fiscal year’s accomplishments was the completion of a DOE directive to transition to electronic records. This mandate came to a successful conclusion with the Hanford Site transitioning record capture to all-electronic unless granted an exception.

To achieve this accomplishment was no small feat, North Wind Records Management specialists worked with contractors and DOE to retire more than 1,600 cubic feet of paper as well as prepare all organizations to create electronic records for future capture of Site records.

Launching the return to routine disposition and the transition to electronic records has modernized the Hanford Site records community.

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Busy Times for Business Administration & Integration Team

Contributor: Shane Edinger

If you're wondering why you haven't seen your friends in the Business Administration & Integration group in a while, there's a good reason; they've been pre-occupied with a pretty big project. The end of the fiscal year and the start of the next one is always a busy time for the project controls specialists and financial analysts who make up the BA&I team.

The team is responsible for managing the funds allocated by DOE to HMIS, a challenging task as inflation continues to impact costs associated with daily operations. "DOE allocates a certain amount of funding for each fiscal year," shared Amy Wells, manager of the Business Administration & Integration team. "But it's sent out incrementally, so we have to make sure there's proper funding available to cover costs through the end of one fiscal year and the start of the next."

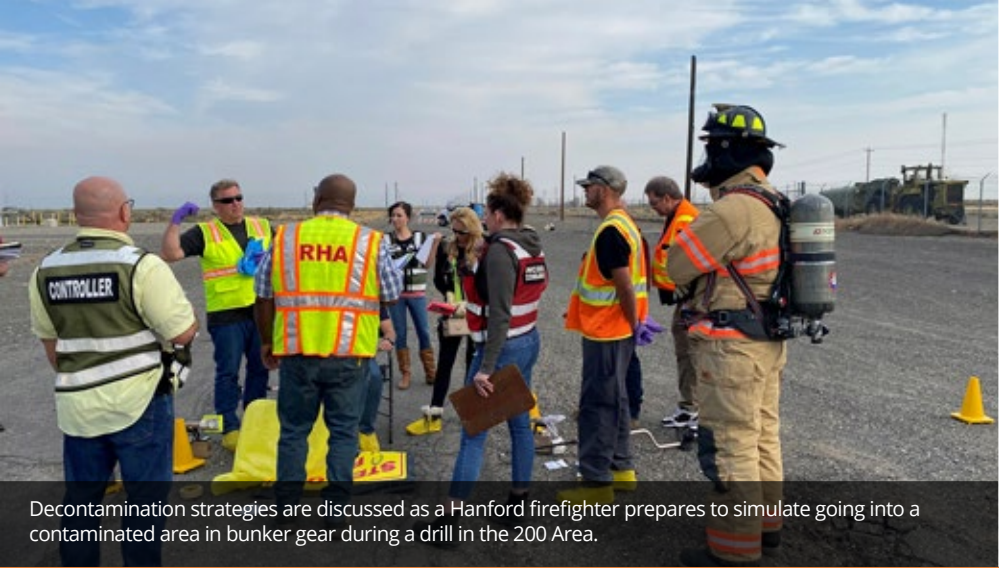
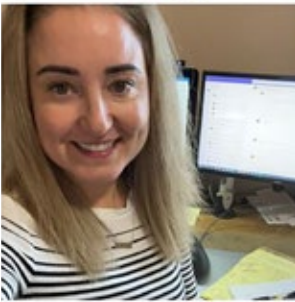
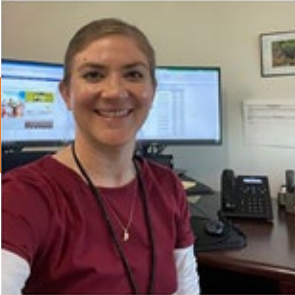
The team also works with Interface Management and their One Hanford contractor counterparts to establish and manage more than 1,000 inter-contractor work orders for HMIS services. As the fiscal year-end nears,



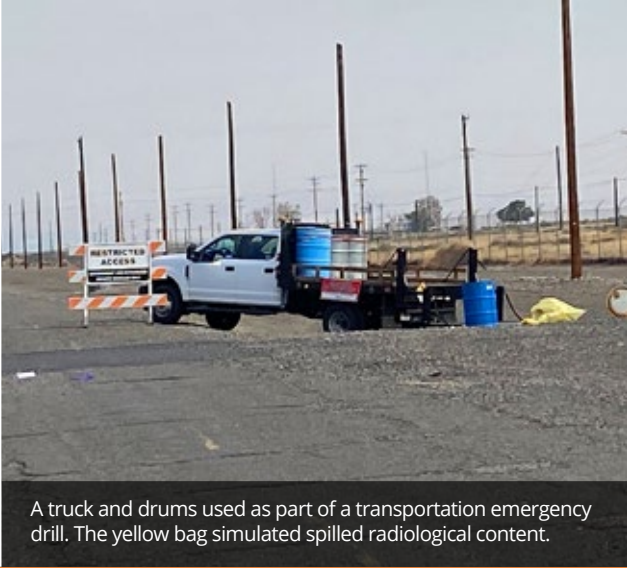
they work to develop cost estimates for those work orders heading into the next fiscal year. This year, they coordinated early with IM and the OHCs and initiated a good portion of that work in July and August. "We did a good job of spreading out the work this summer, which made things go a little smoother," Wells added.

Another big responsibility is establishing and monitoring performance of HMIS' rates for labor, overhead and usage-based services. The financial closing process related to these rates is complex and requires a significant coordination effort between the BA&I team and Accounting at the end of the fiscal year. "The Accounting team are the real heroes because they do all the processing, but it's a lot of work for everybody."

The Business Administration & Integration team successfully navigated another fiscal year-end with flying colors. Pictured at left: Carmen Field, Greg Squires, Brittney Williams. Pictured at right: Amy Wells, Cara Gonzalez, Brynne Kosjerina, Taylor Stanley. Not pictured: Mary Conner, Jo Ann Fauvergue, Lauren Hamada, Tiffany Sanger, Greg Stapleton.



Decontamination strategies are discussed as a Hanford firefighter prepares to simulate going into a contaminated area in bunker gear during a drill in the 200 Area.



A truck and drums used as part of a transportation emergency drill. The yellow bag simulated spilled radiological content.

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Drill Simulates Radiological Spill

Contributors: Jeni Copeland & Robin Wojtanik

The latest transportation emergency preparedness drill took place in the 200 Area and put our Radiological Controls Technicians to the test.

The scenario included an accident with an open-bed truck carrying drums of simulated low-level radioactive waste. In the drill, two of the drums fell onto the ground and one spilled. An Emergency Management & Preparedness team member played the role of the truck driver who sustained a minor head injury and became contaminated by the radioactive spill.

"The drill gave RadCon personnel the opportunity to implement procedures and demonstrate decontamination of a worker," said Jeni Copeland, Emergency Preparedness specialist. "The drill also provided an opportunity

for RadCon, Patrol Operations Center personnel, and the Hanford Emergency Operations Center Shift Office to interface during a simulated transportation emergency involving radiological material."

Responses included strategizing, surveying the event area and setting up hot, warm and cold boundaries; proper control of contaminated personal protective equipment and coordination and communication with other responders.

This drill included over 20 participants from HMIS RadCon, EM&P, the Hanford EOC, Hanford Fire Department and Hanford Patrol Operations Center. Drills like this happen periodically, though they had been on hold during the pandemic, and are an important part of safety measures for working with radiological waste on the Hanford Site. It can take several weeks to coordinate and plan an entire drill.



Hanford Patrol conducting DOE-required Day Rifle / Pistol qualifications.

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Hanford Patrol Weapons Qualifications

Contributors: Melissa Ver Steeg & Paul Hughes

Safety and security – two topics engrained in the Hanford workforce and especially those who serve the Hanford Patrol. Of the many policies, procedures and DOE orders that drive Hanford Patrol’s efficiencies, weapons qualifications are the leading requirements that ensure a highly effective professional force.

Every spring and fall, the entire Patrol force must requalify on each weapon they are issued, demonstrating proficiency through a testing process. This applies to all officers regardless of whether they have been

here six months or 20 years. The qualification cycle takes a full month and includes day and night sessions.

These qualifications include Limited Scope Performance Testing, rifle, pistol, precision rifle, a suite of specialty weapons as well as tactical qualifications. During the cycle, officers also review use of force policies, de-escalation techniques, gas mask utilization training, and hearing and lead conservation refreshers.

In addition to the standard qualifications, the Special Response Team officers have additional requirements, including the live fire shoot-house and live fire obstacle course. Officers in the SRT program must qualify with a minimum 90% proficiency on all weapons systems to remain in the program.

Qualifications take place at the Patrol Training Academy where officers have access to nine live fire ranges, one non-live fire range, and can use engagement simulations systems for scenario-based training.

“Maintaining weapons proficiency is the Patrol Training Academy’s highest priority,” shared Deputy Chief Paul Hughes, Hanford Patrol Operations Support and Training. “Hanford Patrol is a highly trained and capable protective force. We are a proud organization of standards and traditions and it’s important we maintain readiness to protect the Site and our workforce.”



Officers take part in tactical entry training during qualifications.



Standing room only at one All Employee Meeting session at 2490 Garlick.

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2022 All Employee Meetings

Contributor: MaryAnne Wuennecke

HMIS held its first in-person all employee meetings since contract transition in January 2021. The meetings provided leadership an opportunity to share information and hear from employees in an interactive forum.

Organization vice presidents served as hosts for each meeting and provided an overview of accomplishments and recognition for the great work being done across the company. Vice President of Mission Assurance Darci Teel shared a safety message focused on the importance of safe driving and backing practices. Engineering & Projects Vice President Diane Cato gave an overview of the reliability projects recently completed and forecasted for the foreseeable future.

President Bob Wilkinson shared the new One Hanford **leadership video** and spoke to the achievement of receiving the VPP Star of Excellence award for Mission Support Services and Safeguards and Security, with a reminder to remain “proud but not satisfied.”



Ethics Officer Kadi Bence assists Mission Assurance Vice President Darci Teel in demonstrating how to perform a Vehicle Safety 360. Barbie had no incidents with her Jeep during the meeting!

COMMUNITY OUTREACH



Hearts are Wild attendees on behalf of HMIS, (from left) Brian Von Bargaen, Libby Von Bargaen, Bryan McGlothlin, Diane Cato, Daryl Witherspoon, Deidra Witherspoon, Amy Basche and Jillian Esparza.

Hearts are Wild Gala Returns

Contributor: Robin Wojtanik

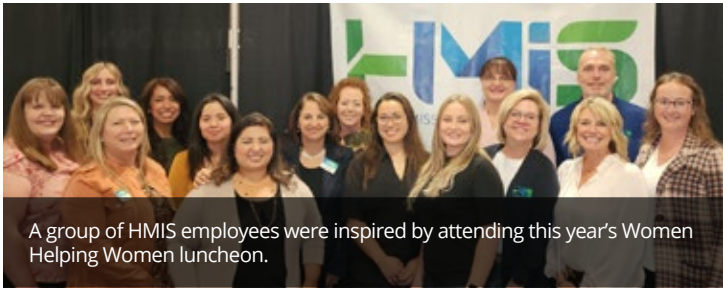
HMIS was proud to sponsor the 3rd annual Hearts are Wild Gala benefitting Junior Achievement of Southeastern Washington. After a two-year pause for the pandemic, the yearly fundraiser returned, complete with appetizers, raffles, an auction and casino-style games with winnings exchanged for prize entries. JA makes a difference in the lives of local youth by empowering them with financial literacy and career readiness.

Women Helping Women Luncheon

Contributor: Dustin Arbogast

This month, HMIS employees attended the Women Helping Women Fund Tri-Cities annual fundraising luncheon. At the event, several local organizations received grants for their efforts to continue supporting women and children in our community. All dollars raised at the luncheon stay within our local community.

Keynote speaker Lonise Bias gave a speech called “The Best is Yet to Come,” providing attendees with an impactful experience on empowerment, encouragement and inspiration – suggesting hope is not extinct and there’s more to come for youth, parents, schools, communities, companies and organizations.



A group of HMIS employees were inspired by attending this year’s Women Helping Women luncheon.

Founded in the 1990s, Women Helping Women Fund Tri-Cities believes empowering women and children creates healthy families and a vibrant community. Since the first luncheon in 2001, WHWFTC has funded nearly 150 grants totaling more than \$2.5 million to impact people in Benton and Franklin counties. HMIS is proud to sponsor this event and support its worthwhile mission.

HMIS FAMILY

Filling the Pantry for Communities in Schools

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In our continuing effort to help those in need in our community and to improve the overall quality of life in the Tri-Cities, HMIS was proud to partner with Communities in Schools of Benton-Franklin for our first “Fill the Pantry” drive to support local students and families. Communities in Schools works to surround students with a community of support, empowering them to stay in school and achieve in life. They’ve established partnerships with 41 schools in Kennewick, Richland, Pasco, Prosser and Finley.

HMIS employees collected hundreds of food and personal hygiene items to donate to Communities in Schools. The donations were collected at 16 drop-off locations around the Site and delivered to Communities in Schools. These donations will help site coordinators support students and their families, so they can focus on learning.

“We want to thank HMIS for coming alongside us to support student success,” shared Joely Nye-Felt, development director for Communities in Schools Benton-Franklin. “With your help, we’re able to alleviate barriers and empower students for success in the classroom and beyond.”

